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1. BPAO SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO HIS SOURCES, NIGERIAN TRIBUNE EDITORIALS, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONALLY WRITTEN BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE NEWSPAPER'S STAFF, ARE USUALLY WRITTEN BY MR. K. JAKANDE, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WHO IS RESIDENT IN LAGOS. THE "OMBUDSTribune" COLUMN IS AUTHORIZED BY MR. S.L. BOLAJI, GENERAL MANAGER.

2. FOR COMMENT ON JAKANDE AND NIGERIAN TRIBUNE, SEE IBADAN 089 (NOTAL). JAKANDE, AS LONG-TIME CLOSE FRIEND OF TRIBUNE OWNER CHIEF AWOLowo AND WHO WENT TO JAIL WITH HIM, VERY LIKELY STILL SPEAKS AT VERY LEAST IN GENERAL HARMONY WITH AWO. ARTICLES FROM HERE SEEM TO STRIKE GOOD BALANCE BETWEEN SUPPORT OF REGIME WHICH IS COMMITTED TO RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE AND CRITICISM OF INDIVIDUAL UNPOPULAR ACTS. STANCE IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR ASPIRING POLITICIANS OR POLITICAL PARTY.
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